



## Legacies

### A gift in your will

Leaving Yes to Life a gift in your will means that we will be here for those with cancer now and in the future. It means that we can continue working with confidence that we can make a long lasting positive difference.

#### Why have a will?

This is your way of deciding who benefits from your assets after your death. If you die without a will, the law will determine who will gain from your estate, and possibly those whom you never intended to inherit will do so. It is always advisable to review your will periodically, particularly if your family circumstances change.

#### How do I go about this?

We would recommend that you use a solicitor to write your will to ensure that you have made provision for your family and friends first and then for the charities you would like to benefit.

To find a solicitor near you, go to the Law Society: [www.lawsociety.org.uk](http://www.lawsociety.org.uk).

There are three types of legacy:

### Residuary

This is the most valuable gift for a charity, and it retains its value over time.

This is where, once all other gifts have been distributed (eg to family and friends), the remainder of your estate is divided between others and/or charities as percentages.

If you decide to leave a residuary legacy, this is our suggested wording for your will:

*I give the whole (or .....%) of the residue of my real and personal estate not otherwise specifically disposed of by my will or other testamentary disposition to Yes to Life (registered charity number 1112812) of Unit 4, The Energy Centre, Bowling Green Walk, London N1 6AL. I direct that the receipt of the duly authorised officer of Yes to Life shall be sufficient discharge for my Executors/Trustees.*

### Pecuniary

This is a gift of a fixed sum of money. The value of this gift may diminish over time, so you may decide to review your will as circumstances change.

If you decide to leave a pecuniary legacy, this is our suggested wording for your will:

*I give the sum of ..... pounds free of tax to Yes to Life (registered charity number 1112812) of Unit 4, The Energy Centre, Bowling Green Walk, London N1 6AL. I direct that the receipt of the duly authorised officer of Yes to Life shall be sufficient discharge for my Executors/Trustees.*

### Reversionary

This is where you leave a gift to a friend or family member to use during their lifetime, but it passes on to the charity when they have died.

If you decide to leave a reversionary legacy, your solicitor will advise you on the wording for your will.

If you already have a will, but would like to include a gift to Yes to Life, you can do this by filling in a **codicil**. Sign

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this in the presence of two witnesses and give it to your solicitor to keep with your current will. You can download a codicil form from our website: [www.yestolife.org.uk](http://www.yestolife.org.uk), or we can post one to you: [office@yestolife.org.uk](mailto:office@yestolife.org.uk)

## **Inheritance tax**

Legacies left to a charity are exempt from Inheritance Tax. Ask your solicitor for the current threshold, or check: [www.hmrc.gov.uk/inheritancetax](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/inheritancetax)

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